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Tent town rises in Port Richmond

Kicked out of Dilworth Plaza and Love Park, 25-30 homeless have settled on Port Richmond-Kensington border ◗ No decision yet on camp's future

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▶ The city's newest tent camp formed yesterday morning after a railroad company kicked homeless people off a nearby property. The group initially arrived in Port Richmond on Sunday when Payne transported them from Center City.

Gesturing to a modest collection of tents under the Interstate 95 overpass at Richmond and Cumberland streets, homeless advocate Dennis Payne yesterday described it as "a national movement beginning in Philly."

The encampment, which Payne has termed "Liberty City," was borne out of an "emergency decision" to bus about 30 homeless people away from Occupy Philly on Sunday night when eviction seemed imminent.

"We are the real movement. We are the true 99 percent," Payne said, adding that he hoped to leverage media attention about the shantytown into gains for the homeless despite moving the group from very visible locations downtown to the out-of-spotlight property.

The group first tried to set up behind a grassy embankment across the street before realizing that it was private property, Payne said, leading to a "tug-of-war" yesterday morning between city police and federal Conrail agents over where the group could stay.

"This is more like a compromise — a forced compromise," Payne said.

But as of last night, its legality was still unclear. "Everything is willy-nilly right now until we figure out what the city's going to do," said Payne.

Mayor Michael Nutter's spokesman, Mark McDonald, said that the city was trying to figure out who owns the property in order to make a decision.

"What the city is trying to do is help people get the services that they need rather than making a decision on whether they need to be evicted or moved out," he said.

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Port Richmond unrest rising

Though some in Center City may have been happy to see the homeless group head north – "I don't think [their presence] reflects particularly well on the city," businessman Kevin Taylor said yesterday outside the Residences at the Ritz — not all Port Richmond residents are pleased.

"I don't know what kind of people these are," said resident Robert Oplinger, whose niece's house is nearby. By 3 p.m., he had called police six times without a response. "These people are walking around at all times of the night, urinating everywhere," he said. "I don't know if they're on drugs or have mental health issues."

▶ Pennsylvania Hospital

Medical center rises on Walnut

CENTER CITY. Pennsylvania Hospital has begun construction on a 12-story medical tower at Eighth and Walnut streets.

The $72 million project will sit atop a seven-story parking garage, which includes medical office space leased by Thomas Jefferson University. It will be a LEED-certified green building and is expected to take less than two years to complete. METRO

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The expected price hike on a US Airways round-trip fare from Philadelphia to Pittsburgh once Southwest Airlines cancels nonstop service there in January, the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette reported. Fares would jump to $698 from $118, not including taxes and fees. Southwest could no longer afford to operate the flights, sources said. METRO

SUV lands in lake, woman dies

NEW JERSEY. A woman died when the sport utility vehicle she was driving along Route 73 near Evesham Road in Marlton flew off the highway into a nearby lake, according to reports.

The unidentified driver died at a nearby hospital after police pulled her from the SUV next to Promenade Shopping Center, reports said. The vehicle went about 30 feet into the shallow water.

No cause for the crash has been determined yet. METRO

In the news

King of Prussia expanding

The region's largest mall is about to get a whole lot bigger. The King of Prussia megamall will add 140,000 square feet in a new expansion, which officials said would combine The Court and The Plaza with an enclosed link. METRO

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Orchestra freed to nix pension

CENTER CITY. A lawyer for the bankrupt Philadelphia Orchestra said yesterday that a federal judge has granted the iconic group to dissolve its indebted pension system and begin a new retirement fund, according to a KYW Newsradio report.

Orchestra attorney Lawrence McMichael, also says the orchestra has raised $60 million of a needed $170 million to bring the group out of bankruptcy in five years, the report said. METRO

No longer privilege for city businesses

CITY HALL. City Council gave preliminary approval yesterday to renaming one of the city's most unpopular taxes.

The Business Privilege Tax, often mocked by using the middle of its three words, is set to become the Business Income and Receipts Tax after receiving approval from Council's finance committee.

The Nutter administration claimed the proposed name is more practical than the current one, which was implemented in 1984. METRO

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▶ Gillespie, center, says the new rules combat the stereotype that unions are "a bunch of fat white guys."

Unions agree to diversify in city pact

Mayor signs order that bolsters participation of minority, women workers Also establishes rule to use organized labor on big projects

Mayor Michael Nutter signed an agreement yesterday aimed at completing city construction projects on time and within budget while combating stereotypes of union workers as "a bunch of fat white guys," according to Building Trades Council business manager Pat Gillespie.

"As a re-elected mayor of Philadelphia, he didn't have to do this politically," Gillespie said at a press conference inside City Hall yesterday with Nutter. "But he's been working on this for some time and he's been saying, 'We want to do this and we want to do this right.' And damn, he got it right."

The executive order establishes an agreement for city projects costing more than $5 million that dictates the work will be carried out by union laborers consisting of at least 50 percent Philadelphia residents, 32 percent minorities and 7 percent women.

"Construction sites should be reflective of the diversity of the incredible city of Philadelphia," Nutter said.

The diversity and residency requirements will be monitored by an independent third party, which has not yet been determined.

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Life in prison for 'Reds'

NORTH PHILADELPHIA. The leader of a violent North Philadelphia drug gang was convicted on all charges and will be sentenced to life in prison.

Alexander "Reds" Rivera, 29, headed up an organization which authorities said operated near Indiana Avenue and Lawrence Street between 2006 and 2010.

Rivera's wife, Ileana Vidal, 25, was also convicted of conspiracy and faces up to 10 years in prison. METRO/SDL

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Ackerman heads to the ranks of the unemployed

PHILADELPHIA. District officials confirmed yesterday that former Superintendent Arlene Ackerman, who left the Philadelphia School District with a handsome $905,000 buyout, has filed for unemployment compensation.

As part of negotiations for her departure, the district cannot challenge the filing. Ackerman left in September after butting heads with the School Reform Commission and Mayor Michael Nutter regarding her handling of several issues, including the district's budget deficit.

The controversial leader had a $346,000 salary in her third and final year. Her buyout package included a $905,000 lump-sum payment that came from district coffers after anonymous donors backed out following a public outcry. METRO/SDL

Riders seem ready for C route changes

Public hearing for proposed split of Broad Street bus route garners support But some believe confusion will remain on SEPTA system's ninth-busiest bus route

SEPTA's plan to rebrand the Route C bus received support yesterday from riders, but some questioned the agency's ability to inform the public before the changes takes place.

At a public hearing yesterday at SEPTA's Market Street headquarters, several riders spoke in favor of the proposed change, which would likely take effect in February if approved by SEPTA's board. The route, which carries an average of 15,000 weekday riders, would be divided into Route 4 that would go from 11th and Nedro to Broad and Pattison, and Route 14 that would go from the Cheltenham and Ogontz loop to City Hall. Service levels would remain the same.

"It should have been done 25 years ago," Douglas Diehl, of Tri-State Transit Group, told a SEPTA panel. "We need to put customer service first over nostalgia."

"Rebranding this route will not solve line issues. It will just be disguised as something else."
MARCUS MCKNIGHT, SEPTA RIDER

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SEPTA spokesman Andrew Busch said the agency's information campaign would likely include fliers and other advertising.

"Two and a half months may not sound like a lot of time, but a lot of people have heard about it — and we think that gives us enough time to get the word out," Busch said.

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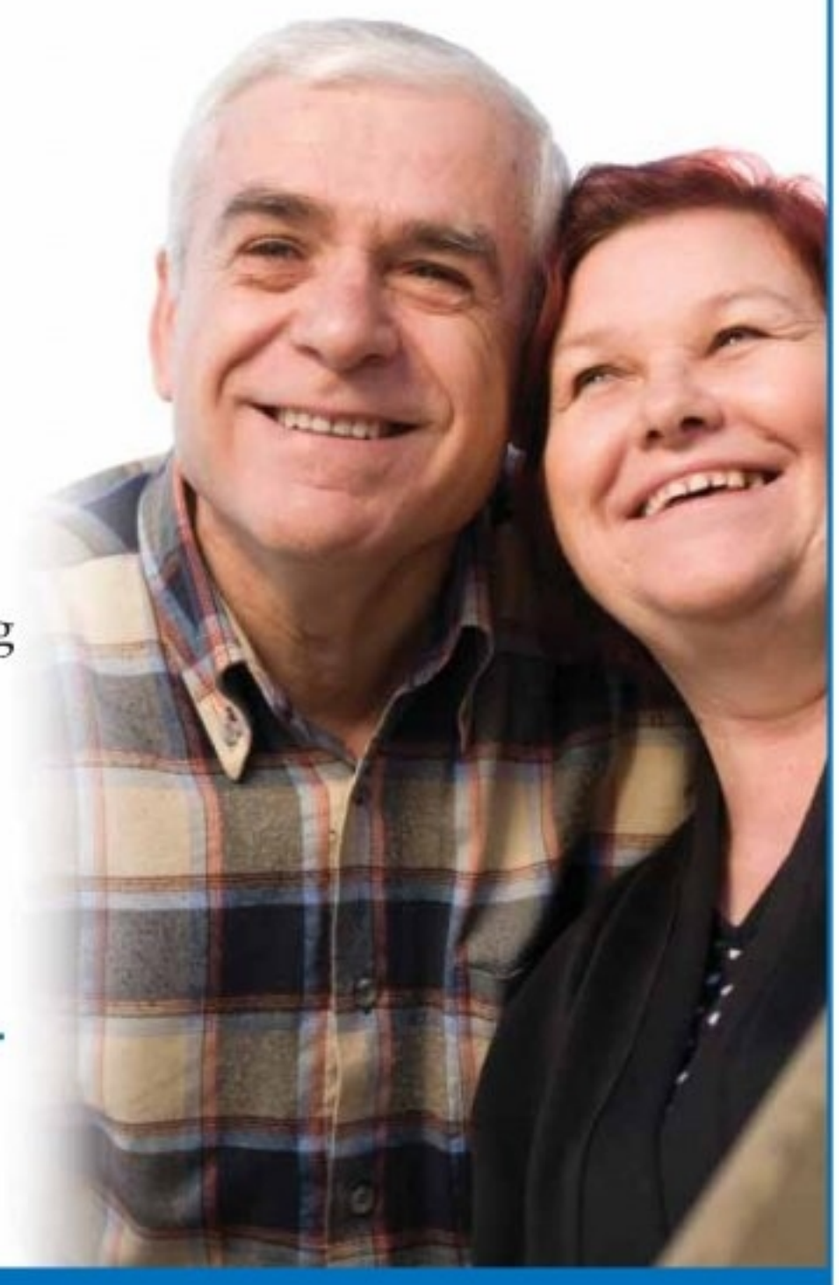

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Campaign crumbling for Cain

Republican presidential contender Herman Cain told aides yesterday he would reassess the viability of his struggling campaign after an Atlanta woman accused him of conducting a 13-year extramarital affair.

The allegations could be the end of the political line for Cain, who led the Republican White House race barely more than a month ago but has nosedived in polls after a series of sexual harassment charges and campaign missteps.

Cain denies he had an affair with businesswoman Ginger White, who told an Atlanta television station that her on-and-off relationship with Cain began in the mid-1990s.

"The public will have to decide whether they believe her or whether they believe me."
CAIN

The former pizza executive told aides that he would gauge the impact of the charges over the next few days and see if it created a cloud of doubt in supporters' minds.

"Obviously, this is cause for reassessment," Cain told staff members, adding he would continue his campaign schedule over the next few days. REUTERS

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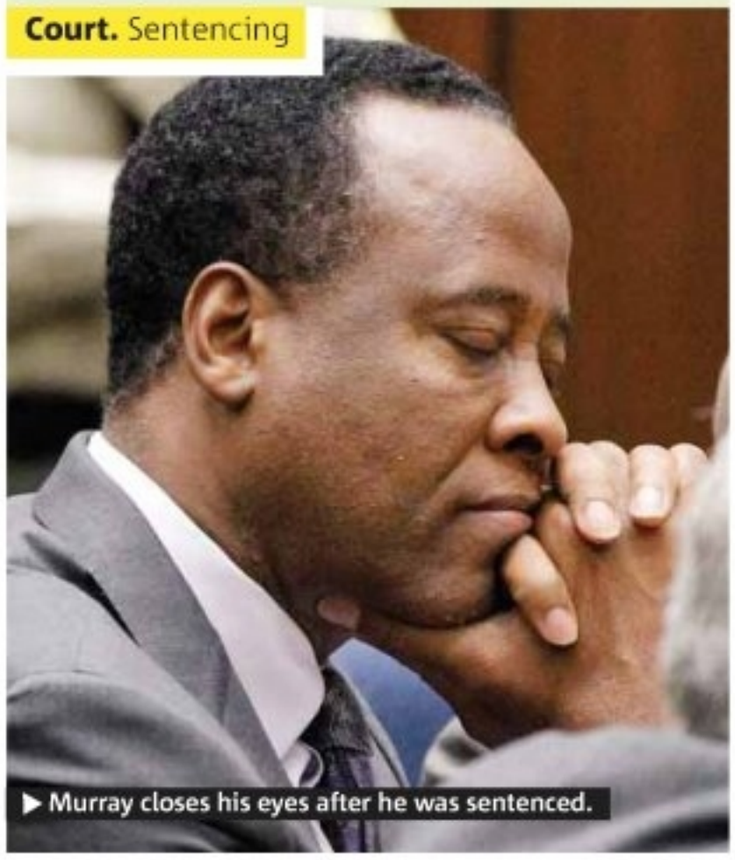

▶ Murray closes his eyes after he was sentenced.

Jackson doc: Four years

Dr. Conrad Murray was sentenced yesterday to four years in jail and was denied probation for conviction on a charge of involuntary manslaughter in pop star Michael Jackson's death. He may spend only months behind bars due to extreme overcrowding. REUTERS

Iranian protesters storm diplomatic compounds

TEHRAN. Iranian protesters stormed two British diplomatic compounds in Tehran yesterday, smashing windows, torching a car and burning the British flag in protest against new sanctions imposed by London.

Britain said it was outraged and warned of "serious consequences." The U.N. Security Council condemned the attacks "in the strongest terms." President Barack Obama said he was disturbed by the incident and called on Iran to hold those responsible to task.

The attacks come at a time of rising diplomatic tension between Iran and Western nations who last week imposed fresh sanctions over Tehran's nuclear program, which they believe is aimed at achieving the capability of making an atomic bomb.
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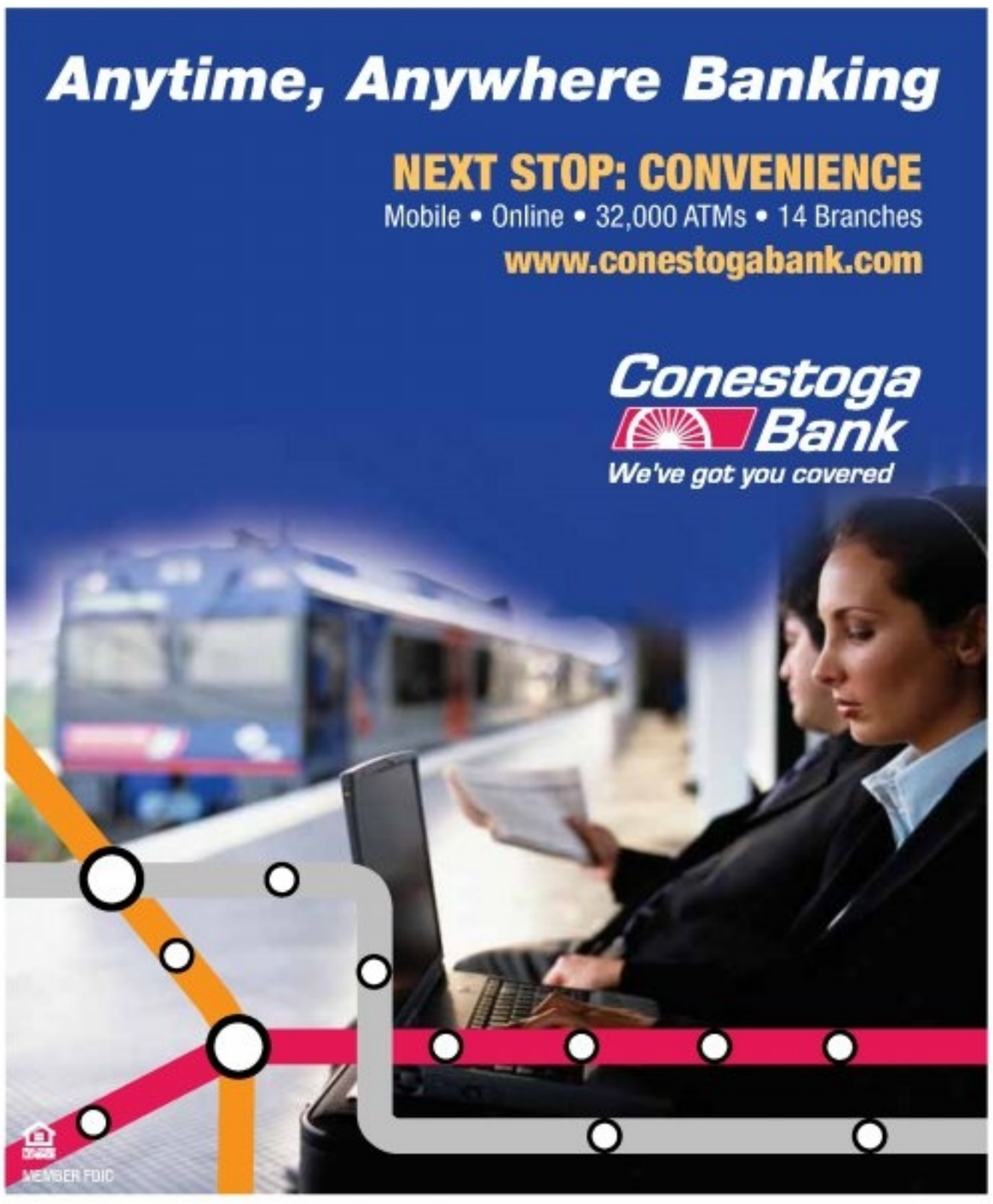
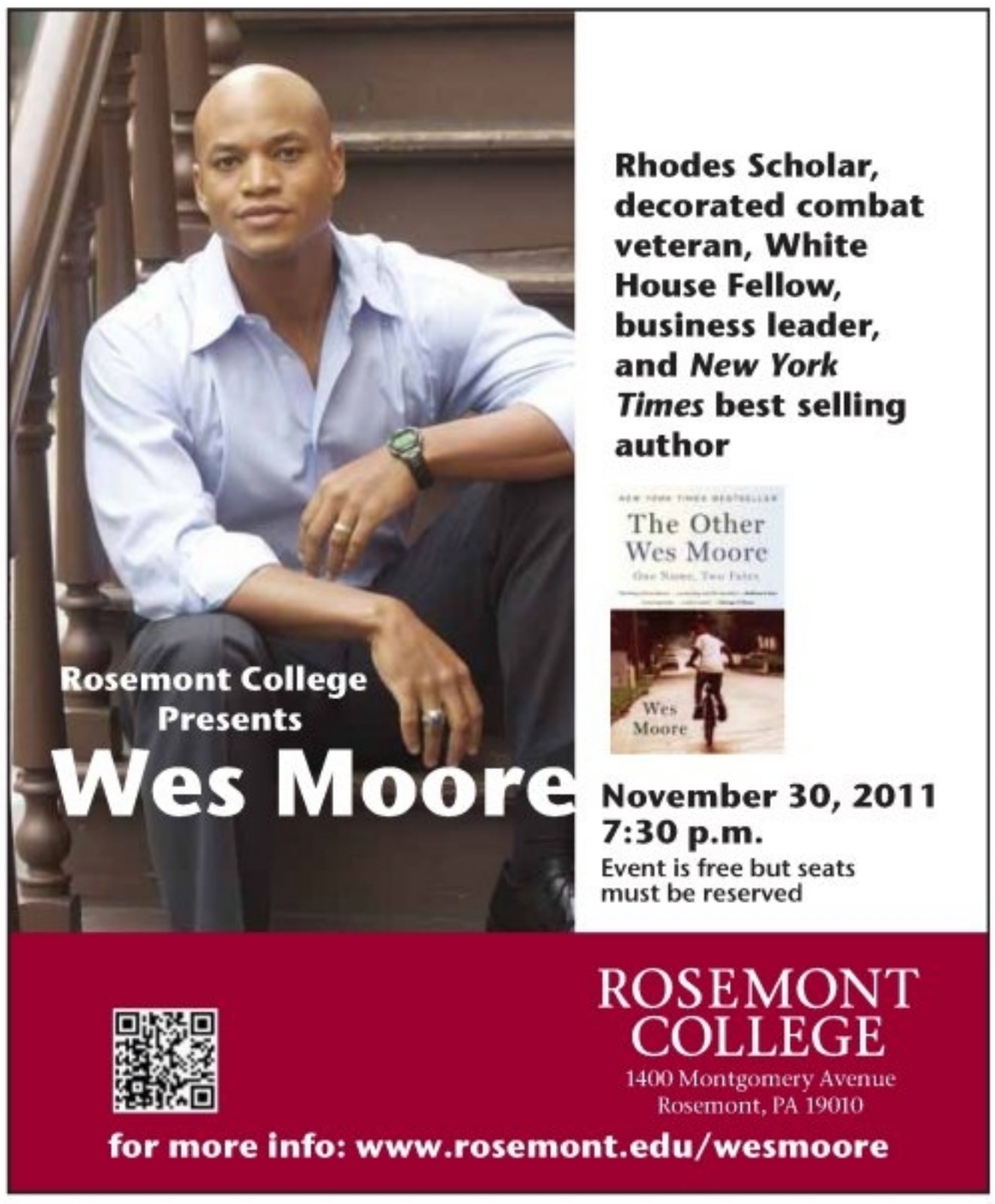
Comedian Patrice O'Neal dies

LOS ANGELES. Stand-up comedian Patrice O'Neal died yesterday at the age of 41 following a stroke last month, his agent said.

"It is with terrible sadness we must report that Patrice O'Neal has passed away this morning ... due to the complications of the stroke he suffered on Oct. 19," O'Neal's agent Matt Frost said in a statement. REUTERS

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Facebook's years of privacy deceit

Under terms of FTC agreement, social network must be more transparent when making changes to user data

Facebook has agreed to settle an investigation by the Federal Trade Commission into deceptive privacy practices, committing to cease making false claims and to submit to independent audits for 20 years.

The FTC said the world's largest Internet social network had been repeatedly deceptive. For example, Facebook promised users that it would not share personal information with advertisers — but it did, the agency said.

Also, the company failed to warn users that it was changing its website in December 2009 so that certain information that users designated as private, such as their "Friends List," would be made public, the FTC said.

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Facebook is preparing for a initial public stock offering next year, according to a source familiar with the matter. According to the Wall Street Journal, the company might raise $10 billion.

"Facebook's innovation does not have to come at the expense of consumer privacy," FTC Chairman Jon Leibowitz said in a statement.

Under the settlement, which must be approved by an FTC administrative law judge, Facebook is barred from being deceptive in the future about how it uses customers' personal information, and is required to get permission from customers before changing how personal information is shared.

Facebook, with more than 800 million users, has often been criticized for its privacy practices.

The settlement follows a similar agreement in March between the FTC and Google over the Web search leader's rollout of its own social network called Buzz. REUTERS

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▶ Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg said in a blog entry yesterday that he is "committed to making Facebook the leader in transparency and control around privacy."

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We knew that groups of people would be nominated as much as individuals for Metro's Man and Woman of the Year event, and so it proved yesterday. The 99 percent picked up a lot of nominations, as did the individual Occupy groups in New York, Boston and Philly. But perhaps the most powerful nomination came from Justin Sullivan, who named "the activists of the Arab Spring protesting against greed, corruption, inequality and injustice." Send your nominations with a brief explanation to mwoty@metro.us through Friday, Dec. 9.

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THE WORD

Metro's **Dorothy Robinson** shares her take on the world of gossip @dorothyatmetro dorothy.robinson@metro.us

Baby-mama drama stays for the Biebs

Before the illustrious **Mariah Yeater** (that's her mug shot, right, next a photo of **Justin Bieber** looking like **Julie Andrews**) accused Bieber of fathering her child, the last time I wrote about a situation so low-rent, I'm pretty sure it was during the **Levi Johnston** baby-daddy drama with the **Palins**.

The latest on the possible Biebs baby? While the 17-year-old pop star maintains he isn't the father of Yeater's infant son, the man who does claim to be, **Robbie Powell**, was arrested over the weekend in San Diego, according to Hollyscoop. The 23-year-old was charged with possession of methamphetamines and drug paraphernalia, as well as three charges of commercial burglary. Sources say Powell is looking to go public with his claims that Yeater made up the story about Bieber fathering her child, but he hasn't settled on a media outlet yet.

▶ Yeater

▶ Bieber

After all of this, I hope that Bieber is the father just so that poor baby might have a chance at life.

▶ The new face of Gosselin.

Gosselin shoots down plastic surgery rumors

Kate Gosselin (new occupation: blogger at CouponCabin.com, continuing her fame-seeker tendencies) is shooting down Internet rumors that she got a facelift. "With all of the buzz about me having had a facelift, I will confirm that I have not had one (I am only 36!!!). But, I will take all of the talk about how rested and young I look as a compliment! So thanks!" she wrote.

I love Gosselin's "I'm only 36!!!" excuse for not having plastic surgery, as that didn't stop her from getting a tummy tuck in 2007 and breast implants in 2009. But, to be fair, she is 36 and a single mom to eight kids. Girlfriend probably needs all the plastic surgery she can get.

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The feed ...

▶ Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Nathan Fillion is impressed with the Big Apple, Kerry Washington is an animal lover, Helen Hunt is having trouble with Twitter and Alec Baldwin is adjusting his public image.

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New Yorkers, I love how stylish and beautiful you all are. Have lunch with me?

▶ @kerrywashington
I'm completely in love... Ive never felt this way before. Ribbon & Cimarron have stolen my heart... They're horses. :)

▶ @HelenHunt
Got on twitter to shamelessly promote. Now working and uneasy with shameless promotion. Damn.

▶ @AlecBaldwin
I'm going to change my profile to "Conservative, Christian, gun owner, mom."

Kerry Washington

Talking points

Baby No. 2 for Gyllenhaal

Maggie Gyllenhaal and husband **Peter Sarsgaard** are gearing up to welcome another member to their family, as Gyllenhaal is pregnant with their second child, according to Life & Style. "Over Thanksgiving weekend, Maggie was telling friends that she's six months pregnant. Her bump is so big," a source says. "She's thrilled to be pregnant. She and Peter have wanted another child for a while. They're very happy that they'll have another baby in the house soon." The couple, who married in 2009, currently have a 5-year-old daughter, Ramona.

Ritchie opens up about Madge

Guy Ritchie is getting reflective about his marriage to **Madonna**, calling it a "soap opera" in an interview with Details magazine. "I enjoyed my first marriage. It's definitely not something I regret," he says. "But you move on, don't you?" While he cites his children with Madonna as the best and most important thing to come out of their time together, the marriage wasn't without drama. "I stepped into a soap opera, and I lived in it for quite a long period of my life. I'll probably be more eloquent on it 10 years from now," he explains. "I'm quite happy that that experience was accelerated for me. I'm glad I made money, in other words. And I'm glad I got married."

▶ Rebecca Hall

Mendes confirms relationship

Sam Mendes and actress **Rebecca Hall** are officially "in a relationship," a rep for the director confirms to the Daily Mail. It's the first acknowledgment of Mendes being involved since his divorce from **Kate Winslet** last year. At the time of their split, rumors circulated that Mendes was having an affair with Hall, which his rep called "utter nonsense" and "untrue and ridiculous."

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Simpson shows off her bump and more ...

1: Jessica Simpson showed off her baby belly while shopping in New York City on Sunday.

2: Bradley Cooper was spotted in Paris, France, yesterday.

3: Neil Patrick Harris and David Burtka attended the Americans for Marriage Equality launch in New York City on Monday.

4: Charlize Theron sported a plunging neckline from Gucci as she attended the Independent Filmmaker Project's 21st annual Gotham Independent Film Awards in New York City on Monday.

5: Betty White visited the "Late Night With Jimmy Fallon" show at Rockefeller Center in New York City on Monday.

6: Marc Jacobs and Victoria Beckham attended the British Fashion Awards 2011 at The Savoy Hotel in London on Monday. The mother of four clinched the coveted Designer Brand of the Year award.

7: The Texan quintet "Pentaonix" was crowned the winner of the third season of NBC's "The Sing-Off" at the live finale at Sony Pictures Studios in Culver City, Calif., on Monday.

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The comeback kid?

Matthew Lillard is not afraid to admit how little he got paid to star in "The Descendants." The actor, known primarily for his roles in 1996's "Scream" and several "Scooby Doo" movies and television shows, may be working on the regular, but he doesn't want anyone thinking the average actor is making big bucks.

"The amount of days you work, as a successful actor, isn't very many. And if you're doing a movie like this, you get less than a union teacher — well, maybe not less," he says. "It's $1,600 for five days a week, and then you have to pay taxes on top of that, plus 10 percent to management and 10 percent to an agent, so $1,600 for a week isn't that much money."

That's a gutsy statement to make during a recession, but perhaps Lillard is so blinded by his enthusiasm for this Alexander Payne film he's promoting, he's just lost his filter. Lillard enthuses about the director, who also has "Sideways" and "Election" to his credit.

"He's one of the most pre-eminent filmmakers in the world right now," Lillard says. "There's a guy you'd run into a wall for a hundred times because he knows what he wants and where he's going."

Perhaps Lillard especially needed to trust in his director because he doesn't exactly play a likeable guy here.

The film is about a Hawaiian land baron, Matt King (George Clooney), who tries to reconnect with his children after a water skiing accident renders his wife comatose. King learns that his wife had been having an affair with a local real estate agent who has a wife and kids of his own. And yes, that'd be Lillard's character.

But given that the film is already getting great buzz, he's hoping it'll be the career-reviver he needs.

"There's no doubt that I would love more work," he says. "I got this job on my 40th birthday. [Before that] we had a big house, and big cars and 'Scooby Doo' money. [We] had to have it completely downsized."

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▶ Judy Greer and Matthew Lillard play a husband and wife at war in "The Descendants."

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FOR A Q&A WITH LILLARD ABOUT CO-STAR GEORGE CLOONEY, VISIT WWW.METRO.US/MOVIES

TV watch list

'I Hate My Teenage Daughter'

COMEDY. There's little to like in this sitcom about two entitled teen girls and their unhip moms desperately trying to live vicariously through their "cool" daughters, who are really just the school's mean girls. Jaime Pressly and Katie Finneran as the best-friend moms deserve better treatment — and material — than this. **Series premiere, 9:30 p.m., Fox**

'Christmas in Rockefeller Center'

SPECIAL. The most famous Christmas tree in America gets all decked out for the holidays with a little help from Justin Bieber. **8 p.m., NBC**

'Grammy Nominations Concert Live'

SPECIAL. Lady Gaga, Rihanna and Sugarland are among the performers in this concert/announcement of the music awards' nominees. **10 p.m., CBS** ● AMBER RAY

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Don't write them off

Their school may have a history of violence, but the students behind 'We Write South Philly High' have another story to share with the city

If you go

- "We Write South Philly High" will be presented as part of Philadelphia Young Playwrights' annual professional productions of award-winning student plays. This year's other winners are: "Thoughts Can Fly," by Haley Gordon of Cheltenham High School and "On The Way," by Lyn Huong Nguyen of Upper Darby High School.

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On a December night in 2009, a group of South Philadelphia High School students attended "Coming Home" at the Wilma Theater. While the play — written by South African Athol Fugard — dealt with the politics of a distant continent, it was a story the students knew all too well: one of racism, economic injustice and redemption.

That night came after the most troubling moment in SPHS history: On Dec. 3, about 30 Asian students were injured in systematic attacks by a group of African-American students.

"The staff of the Wilma was thoroughly impressed with the students that night. The kids were engrossed in the material and were asking questions during the talk-back," says Monica Stephenson, the education director of 1812 Productions, the company that sponsored the evening. "They were wondering why there weren't more stories about these students in the media. They scheduled a meeting with me and wanted to know how we could create a performance with these kids."

Eventually, the Wilma and 1812 teamed up with Philadelphia Young Playwrights to foster the project. The result hits the Wilma stage this week: "We Write South Philly High" features 13 SPHS seniors performing a text created by more than 40 student contributors.

The play presents a series of free-form vignettes about the recent violence and the school's history, as well as the students' fears and hopes for the future.

"These students have unfolded themselves from the inside out to share some incredible stories," says Stephenson, who is also directing the play. "More than anything, I'm really proud of their generosity."

In their words

▶ From "We Write South Philly High," a play written by students from South Philadelphia High School:

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The man behind 'Marilyn'

- Michelle Williams is winning raves as Marilyn Monroe in this new biopic
- Meet the director who led the way

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▶ Director Simon Curtis poses in front of a movie poster featuring Michelle Williams as Marilyn Monroe.

Calling Simon Curtis a first-time director isn't exactly accurate, as the British filmmaker has been directing and producing — and winning awards for — work for television for 20 years. But yes, "My Week With Marilyn" is technically his first feature film. The film follows an eager newcomer (Eddie Redmayne) as he lands his first job in show business, serving as a lowly third assistant director on Sir Lawrence Olivier's collaboration with Marilyn Monroe, "The Prince and the Showgirl." Curtis' film has already earned impressive acclaim — particularly for Michelle Williams' transformative performance as Monroe — and it heads into awards season under the stewardship of Harvey Weinstein. Not too shabby for a newcomer.

Quoted

"Her hunger to be taken seriously as an actress ... was obviously a huge driving force at this time in her life."

CURTIS, ON MARILYN MONROE DURING THE PERIOD THAT "MY WEEK WITH MARILYN" PORTRAYS

Can you talk about the casting of Michelle Williams as Marilyn?

All I can say is I just went with an instinct. I think she's a brilliant actress — a brilliant actress for bringing psychological texture to her parts — and I really like her. It was just a hunch.

It's also fascinating to have Sir Lawrence Olivier as the villain, in a sense.

I think he's definitely flawed, but I hope one ends up with sympathy for him. I didn't think of him in the sense of an antagonist, I just wish he'd done a better job supporting Marilyn.

The film deals a lot with the misconceptions about Marilyn and her intelligence level that still persist today.

Her hunger to be taken seriously as an actress — her hunger to be taken seriously, full stop — was obviously a huge driving force at this time in her life. And I love the audience when Olivier says, "Well, can't you just be sexy?" There's an audible groan. People totally get the scale of that mistake. And I do hope that people come out sympathizing with her.

How is it as a "first-time director"?

It taught me that when you choose a film as a director you better be damn sure it's going to be something you can feel passionate about. Because you're going to be in a lot of test-screenings and you're going to be under a lot of scrutiny. And I've been on the journey with Harvey [Weinstein], and his passion for the film has been second to none."

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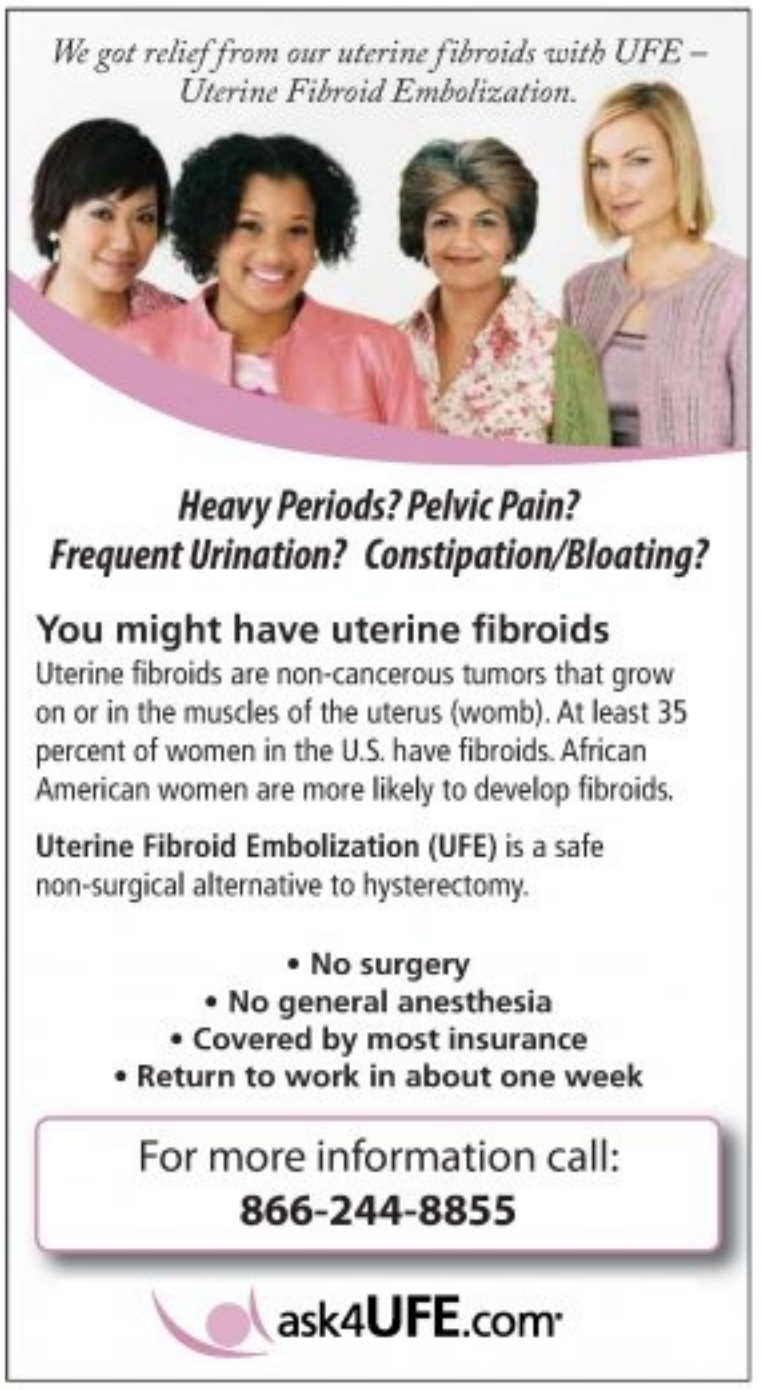
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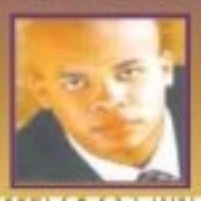
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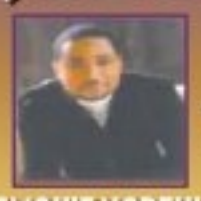
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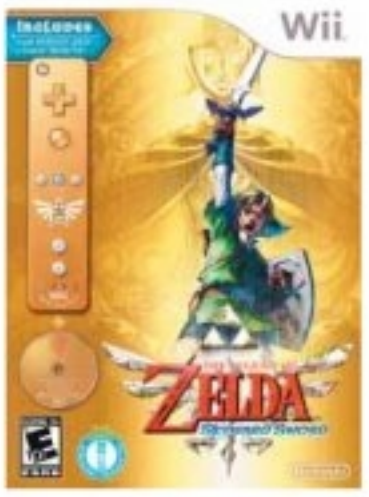
If you believe everything you read on the Internet, Nintendo has had a pretty rough year. The 3DS didn't quite meet initial sales expectations and the Wii is about to waggle on up to that great Balance Board in the sky. The haters have forgotten one important thing, though. The company makes better games than just about anybody. Here is a review of one of their new classics.

'The Legend of Zelda: Skyward Sword'
Console: Wii
Grade: ●●●●●
Remember back when the Wii was announced and we couldn't help but imagine all of the cool things we were going to do with it? "Skyward Sword" finally fulfills that dream. The game was built from the ground up for MotionPlus technology, and it shows in just about everything you do. The controls will rarely falter as you swing your sword any way you want to, shoot arrows, bowl bombs and conduct any of the game's dozens of actions.



There's also a stellar game wrapped around the innovative controls. The graphics are charming. The characters and story have the spit shine of a Pixar film. The puzzles are satisfyingly devious. This all combines to make a package that is sure to make you jealous of kids who will be opening this on Christmas morning. Sigh. Childhood.

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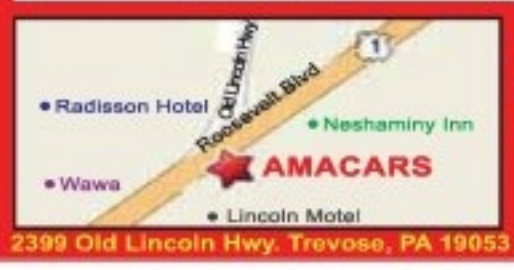

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Strike a pose

Yoga pose of the week: Seated forward bend/ Paschimottanasana

WHAT YOU DO:

1 Sit on the floor with your buttocks supported on a folded blanket and your legs straight in front of you. Press actively through your heels.

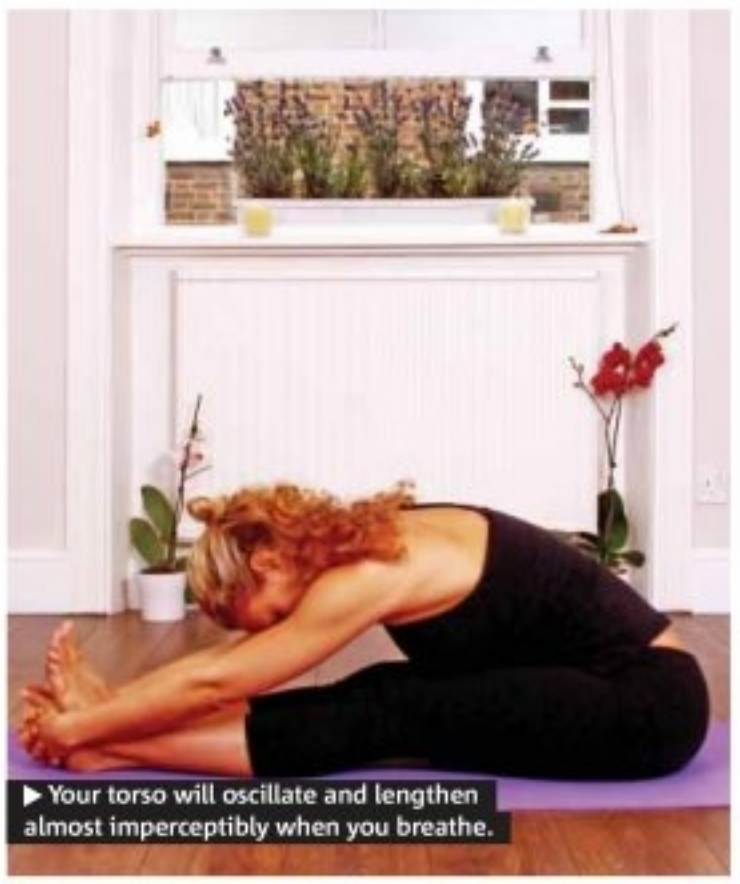
2 Draw the inner groins deep into the pelvis. Inhale — and keeping the front torso long, lean forward from the hip joints, not the waist. Lengthen the tailbone away from the back of your pelvis. Take the sides of the feet with your hands, thumbs on the soles, elbows fully extended (elbows are straight, not bent).

3 When you are ready to go further, don't forcefully pull yourself into the forward bend. Lengthen the front torso into the pose, keeping your head raised.

4 With each inhalation, lift and lengthen the front torso slightly; with each exhalation, release a little more fully into the bend.

5 Stay in the pose anywhere from one to three minutes. To come up, lift the torso away from the thighs. Inhale and lift the torso up by pulling the tailbone down and into the pelvis. METRO

– Pose courtesy of Stephanie Knutsson, Bodyism Yoga instructor



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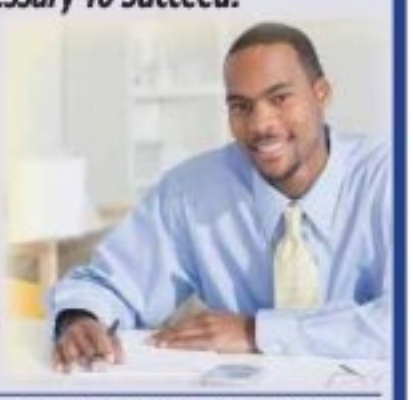

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*– **Jonathan Alpert** is a licensed psychotherapist. E-mail him your questions at **jonathan@jonathanalpert.com***

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▶ Too much sleep is not a good sign.

My husband sleeps all day. Is that normal?

It's normal only if he works the night shift; otherwise sleeping all day could be a sign of a problem — emotionally or physically. He should discuss it with his doctor.

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Sleeping all day can also be a side effect of depression, in which case he should seek help as well.

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I worry incessantly about body odor and bad breath. Is this normal?

To "worry incessantly" isn't normal. To be concerned about such health issues is. Could there be a reason to devote more concern to this issue than one should? Perhaps someone once pointed out that your odor was offensive and that comment stung. The remedy to such fears and concerns is to take action. See a dentist if you're truly concerned about bad breath, and take measures to ensure that you smell fresh: Use the right deodorant and soap, and practice good hygiene.

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OWS: Veterans and the vote

RE: "THANKFUL OR NOT? OCCUPY": Miriam Davidovich thinks we should thank "the soldiers who put their lives on the line to protect the U.S." There are many veterans in the OWS movement and more than 200 Veterans for Peace supporting the protests. The so-called "War on Terror" has done nothing but increase the risks for the 99 percent.
JAMES E. VAN LOOY, VIA E-MAIL

I have been a part of Wall Street for 28 years; I worked my way up, put myself through school without relying on my parents. We need to stop arguing over who is right or wrong and start focusing on how we can fix the problems before we get to a point of no return. Bickering between the Republicans and Democrats is a waste of time. The political process needs direction — that's our collective voice, not OWS or the Republican party or any other venue.
MICHAEL PALAMARO, VIA E-MAIL

Let's focus on the real issues

RE: "CAIN: NEW ACCUSER ON THE WAY": What is the big deal about Herman Cain's private life? Most men including one or two on that stage with him have done the same things. It's sad that this is what people zone in on, rather than the real problems with Republican policies. These people are extreme radicals, not conservatives as they bill themselves.
PAUL SIMONS, PHILADELPHIA

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We hear much about how our holiday shopping will help the economy. This is a lot of hogwash repeated every holiday season. The damage done to our economy by the federal government will never be repaired by a few billion dollars of consumer spending. This media blitz of disinformation is done to conceal the work of the spend-a-holics ruling over us from Washington D.C.
FRANK ST. GEORGE, VIA E-MAIL

On language: Keep it honest

RE: "BASIC RESPECT: COMMON SENSE": Rep. Bachmann should be judged by the content of her character. She is a well-documented liar. What's more, she secures her political power through pandering to bigots. But is it appropriate to imply that this vile, degenerate, hypocritical, heartless, pettifogging enabler is a b—? This liberal says no. **CARLTON SEWELL, VIA E-MAIL**

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Horoscope

♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** Put your analytical skills to work so that you don't overlook any situation that could produce something that would be a huge advantage.
♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** Be firm but also fair when it comes to any financial dealings. Don't feel obligated to give more than your share when you know you won't be compensated for it in any way.
♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** A lesson might be learned from a negative experience that you may have to endure. As long as what happens to you isn't wasted, it will be worth the unpleasantness.
♓ Pisces Feb. **20-March 20.** Keep to yourself any ambitious undertaking that you are contemplating. Don't expose your intentions until you know you can pull if off.
♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** Try to include in your business meetings an associate who has been a frequent presence. With this person's vast experience, she or he may have many unique things to offer.
♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** It'll be your effectiveness, not your flamboyance, that gets the attention and wins the respect of others. Just the hard, cold facts will do.
♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** Help a disagreeable old friend to look for the good in people instead of always dwelling on what's wrong. It's just a bad habit, and life can be a whole lot nicer if they learn to brighten up.
♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** If you can keep your mind riveted on the results that everyone desires, it will help overcome any obstacles that might periodically get in the way. Don't let anything impede you.
♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** Concentrate on and emphasize the facts, not the frills when trying to present a case to others. Doing so would help sway to your cause the people whose help you need.
♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** Get your mind off all the small details and focus on a profitable purpose as a whole. Once you do, everything else will automatically fall into place.
♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** Your peers recognize that you have the leadership abilities to steer everyone through what might be a difficult situation. Take the reins and guide them through the maze.
♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** An opportunity, albeit of a limited nature, will present itself to you through the offices of a grateful person you assisted in the past.
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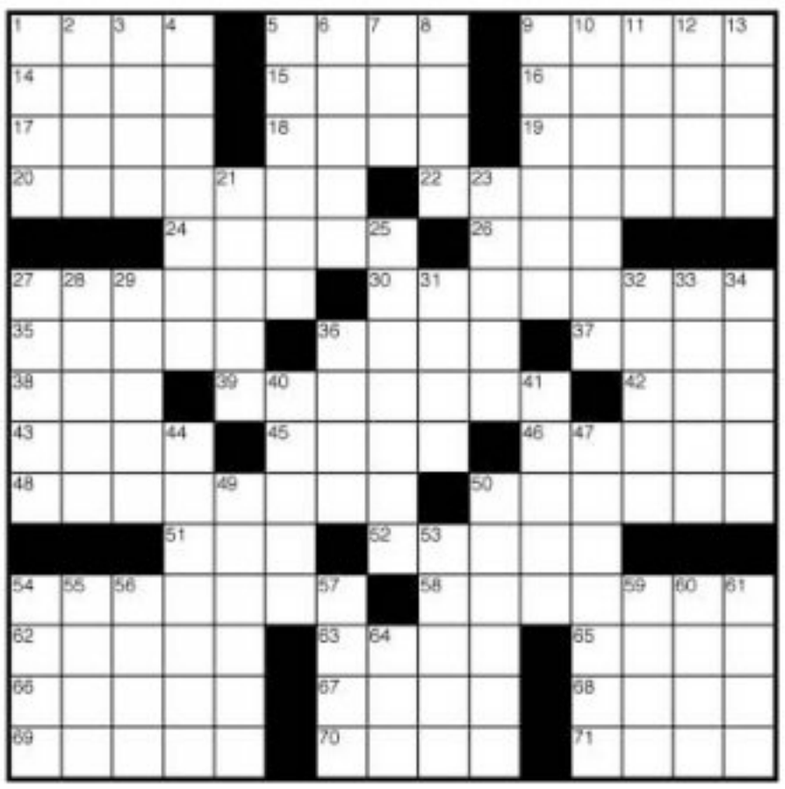

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SUDOKU **LEVEL: HARD**

Solution to yesterday's crossword

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Winterize your home

Money-saving expert weighs in with simple, cheap tips Some are even free or come with subsidies

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You insulate your feet. Why not your home?

With temperatures getting ready to drop — soon, right? — as winter approaches, homeowners and businesses should be preparing to save as much energy as they can in their properties.

Money-saving expert Andrea Woroch of online consumer company Kinoli Inc., shares some easy tips to make the coming cold months more affordable.

Energy audit: The first step is to assess any problem areas. Ask if your utility company provides a free or low-cost energy audit, which will identify changes you should make.

Seek incentives: Some states offer improvement incentives, including providing and installing a free programmable thermostat; paying a portion of insulation upgrades; or providing rebates on the cost of materials. Look for such offers at the Database of State Incentives for Renewables & Efficiency (www.dsireusa.org).

Dodge the draft: You can waste 5 to 30 percent of your energy use to heat the great outdoors through drafts, according to the U.S. Department of Energy. The simplest remedy is to place draft dodgers or snakes at leaking doors. You can use an old towel or make your own easily out of a leg of pantyhose stuffed with rice or sawdust and tied at both ends.

Weather strip thresholds: Draft snakes are fine for cracks at the bottom of doors, but we often lose heat at the sides and top of doors and windows. Check out this Dummies.com video www.dummies.com/how-to/content/how-to-install-weather-stripping.html explaining how to install weather strips.

Upgrade attic insulation: Roofs are energy vampires. They'll suck rising heat right out of your home, if not properly insulated. Types of insulation include the standard fiberglass (in both batt and blown forms), rigid foam board, spray foam and cellulose. Unless you're handy around the house, this is a project best left to professionals.

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Young, Eagles not giving up hope on this dream season

Backup likely to start Thursday vs. Seattle ◗ Vick throws on side session ◗ Young's been in spot before

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▶ Young will likely start Thursday in Seattle.

As the Eagles continue to hit snooze on this dream season, some players may want to start exploring their options for 2012.

Vince Young, who is likely to start his third straight game Thursday night, is on a one-year deal and certainly has a chance to turn some heads with a strong performance. However, the former Pro-Bowl quarterback claims he isn't looking that far ahead.

"I'm not really thinking about that right now," Young said yesterday. "I'm just, like I said I want to go out there and compete and lead my team to combat and make sure that I'm calling the plays right, adjusting and doing all of the different things from practice and bring it out to the game field."

Mike Vick threw balls to receivers on the side at the start of yesterday's practice, but was once again listed as a nonparticipant. Coach Andy Reid said he is making progress and hasn't ruled him out.

"He can't torque, put the heavy torque on the ball without feeling some pain there," Reid said. "So I've just got to wait and see. Until that goes away, he can't throw consistently."

Meanwhile, Young continues to prepare as if he is the starter and took the first-team reps. Young said the team is focused and hasn't given up, as he referenced his 2009 Titans that started 0-6 and nearly made the playoffs.

"I tell all of the guys that I've been in this situation before," he said. "You know, 0-6 and we ended the season just a game short of missing the playoffs. We just have to continue to keep working and worry about ourselves and not worry about anyone else."

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Babin rips former team

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▶ Babin

Jason Babin only spent two seasons in Seattle.

However, the bad blood from his time there still lingers.

Babin started the day by tweeting the following: "Ready to physically show my disdain to Seattle, they treated the Babin family bad. #BlameMikeH #SinsOfTheFather."

When asked about the harsh feelings before practice yesterday, the defensive end said: "It's not easy to play in a new place, not being wanted and kind of being treated badly. You have your position coach not talk to you, head coach tell you, 'I didn't want you.'"

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NFL Power Rankings

Green Bay retains Metro's top spot ◗ Ravens claw No. 2 from Niners ◗ Saints, Patriots rolling along ◗ Can Cowboys really win NFC East?

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Can't overlook Giants — a road team desperate for a win — but after that, it's smooth sailing on the road to perfection. Three of the Packers' final four games are at Lambeau, where they've won 10 straight.

2 RAVENS (8-3)
With statement win over 49ers and season sweep of Steelers, the Super Bowl wagons are circling. They also proved they can win without Ray Lewis.

3 49ERS (9-2)
Hung around with tough Baltimore team for most of last week, but Alex Smith needs to come back firing before we're completely sold. They'll clinch the soft NFC West this week.

4 STEELERS (8-3)
Is there a QB tougher than Ben Roethlisberger? Guy is practically playing with one hand and team has won six of seven.

5 SAINTS (8-3)
After decimating what many considered a good Giants defense — 577 yards — the Saints have established themselves as the lone threat to the Packers in the NFC.

6 PATRIOTS (8-3)
This has nothing to do with win over hapless Eagles. Despite a very unstable secondary, the Pats can finish at 13-3. Tom Brady is just that good, he's the best QB since Joe Montana.

7 FALCONS (7-4)
Matt Ryan has stepped it up over past two weeks (119.5 average QB rating) but Dirty Birds don't have signature win, beating bad-to-average teams.

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8 COWBOYS (7-4)
Everyone laughed at us when we said they were a threat to win the NFC East before the season. Well, barring another December collapse from Tony Romo, they are going to do it. Book it.

9 TEXANS (8-3)
Best rushing attack in NFL should get them through the regular season and AFC South. After that, with rookie QB TJ Yates, it's anybody's guess. Tough break for Gary Kubiak.

10 LIONS (7-4)
There's little margin for error now, but we're sticking with 'Cats. They just better hope Ndamukong Suh, who will miss the next two games due to suspension, gets his act together.

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TIME TO GET EXCITED FOR NBA

Opinion

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Leave it to the NBA to solve its four-months-plus lockout at 3:30 a.m. on a Saturday. If an NBA lockout ends, but nobody is awake to get the news, does it really happen?

The NBA was briefly in the news after the 139-day lockout ended Saturday morning, but then the public spent the rest of the day raking leaves and consuming college football. Everyone did the same Sunday, except pro football was on TV.

The lockout has been over for days now, and nobody's frothy about the season. I'm here to change that. Here are four reasons to be giddy about the shortened, 66-game 2011-2012 NBA season:

▶ **Jan Vesely's debut, but more importantly, his girlfriend**: The Washington Wizards drafted a rail thin, 21-year-old, 6-foot-11 Czech. When he was announced at the draft, he stood up with his girlfriend and everyone took notice. She's about 6-foot-8 and don't rule out her appearing in the Sports Illustrated Swimsuit issue. The Wizards will surely do their best to make sure she's at most games.

▶ **Chris Paul, Dwight Howard and Deron Williams**: The trio are all among the 15 best players in the NBA and are all likely to be on the move either during the season or at the end of it. Chris Paul seems to want to play in New York. (New Yorkers would be in the same boat.) Dwight Howard wants to play for a contender (the Magic have faded badly the last two years). Deron Williams could lure Howard to New Jersey, soon-to-be Brooklyn. We do have a given: At least one of these guys ends up playing for the Lakers.

▶ The **Dallas Mavericks** are the center of the Universe. But not in the way you think. Yes, they won the title last year, and are poised to repeat (good luck without Tyson Chandler). More importantly, two of their players have ties to Miss Universe. **Rudy Fernandez** is dating Helen Lindes, aka Miss Spain 2000 (second runner-up in the Miss Universe competition). **JJ Barea** is engaged to Zuleyka Rivera (Miss Universe, 2006).

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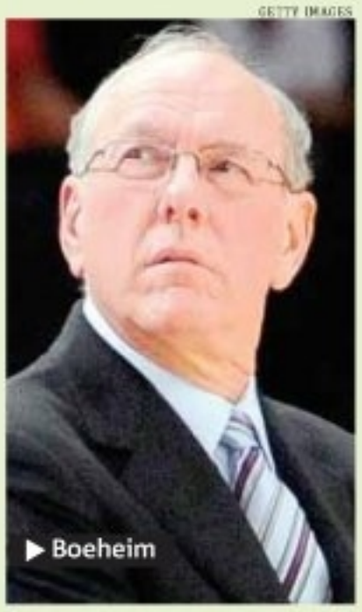
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▶ Boeheim

Syracuse coach not being fired

Jim Boeheim got a vote of confidence yesterday from Syracuse administrators.

Amid an investigation of child molestation allegations against Boeheim's assistant Bernie Fine, university chancellor Nancy Cantor met with state officials and said: "Coach Boeheim is our coach."

Boeheim, who has been the head basketball coach at Syracuse since 1976, first supported Fine — but has since backed off. Talking heads have been calling for the coach to resign. METRO

Union set date for opener

The Philadelphia Union will kick off the 2012 season on March 10.

The Union's home opener at PPL Park will be March 18. The full schedule will be released in the coming weeks. METRO

Phils release Mathieson

The Phillies cut relief pitcher Scott Mathieson, so the right-hander could pursue a job with a pro team in Asia.

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2 "Trees with shorter needles such as Fraser or Noble fir are often easier to decorate than others, as they offer some space between branches for decorations as well as some stronger stems to hold heavier ornaments."

3 "The tree should look shiny, green and fresh — not dry or brown. The needles should not fall off in the palm of your hand when you pull on a branch."

4 "Have the seller make a fresh cut to the trunk of the tree, so that it will be able to drink up water. Place the tree in a bucket of water for at least one day. This will keep it fresh until you place it into your stand. Keep the stand filled with water and check it daily."

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